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THE FIRST OFFICIAL FUNERAL.

Because of its failure to poll 50,000 votes in Tuesday's election the Republican party in North Carolina is "officially dead." A law of the State bars from recognition any political party which did not poll 50,000 votes in the previous election.

It was by employing the votes of Southern States either dead, like Louisiana, or moribund, like Alabama, that the Republicans carried through the Chicago fraud, for which they have paid the capital penalty at the hands of the people.

SLOWING DOWN THE FASTEST TRAINS

The New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads have united in an arrangement to add two hours to the time of the fastest trains between New York and Chicago; that is, the eighteen-hour trains will become twenty-hour trains. This arrangement, it is explained, is for the winter only, and the eighteen-hour schedule will be resumed in the spring.

It is to be hoped that the faster schedule will never be restored until conditions warrant it better than they do now. Entirely aside from the danger of such speed, the inconvenience and delays imposed on other traffic in order that remarkable speed may be made by a few very fast trains, are not at all justified by the benefits either the public or the roads derive from the special service.

A TIP TO THE "POWERS."

The powers of Europe are fearfully worried about the problem of distributing the territory of the Balkan peninsula. As the territory isn't theirs, as the people in it don't want them to distribute it, as they are hopelessly unable to agree how to distribute it, and as they are very liable to be dragged into a huge war if they try to distribute it, why shouldn't they be sensible and not try?

The Balkan allies have just about finished all the bloodletting that is necessary as a preliminary to solution of that problem. The business will be best done by them, and the doing will not cost an unnecessary drop of blood. Why on earth take the chance of a bigger war following this big one, merely in order that a difficult task may be done worse rather than better?

THE INCOME TAX AMENDMENT.

Within the next few months the constitutional amendment authorizing the enactment of a Federal income tax will be adopted by the necessary number of States. Thirty-four have already ratified and four have rejected the amendment. Ten have not yet acted upon it. The votes of but two more States are needed and they are known to be forthcoming.

It does not follow, however, that Congress will avail itself in the near future of the authority which it will be given. It is by no means certain that the States will be willing to hand over to the Federal Government so great a reservoir of wealth, one which increasing State expenditures may make it expedient for them to tap for their own use.

Whether the Federal Government imposes the tax or not, it is well that it be given the right to do so—a right which it has exercised and which it was always assumed to have until a five-to-four decision of the Supreme Court decreed that the Constitution prohibited such an exercise of the taxing power.

It was wise to restore to Congress an authority which it ought to have, deprivation of which has been the cause of much bitter controversy.

THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE ADVANCES.

Five States voted on the question of giving suffrage to their women, and four of them, Michigan, Kansas, Arizona, and Oregon, granted it. In the fifth, Wisconsin, it was decisively beaten. So there are now ten suffrage States, and the chances are excellent for the addition of another group within the next two years, for Texas, Montana, Nevada, and North Dakota are to vote on the proposition at their next elections. It is considered by the suffragist organizations, who are getting to be excellent practical politicians, that Texas, Nevada, and North Dakota are as good as won already.

The national and State organizations are rejoiced over their accomplishments of this year, and will push the fight harder than ever in many States the coming winter. A large majority of the legislatures will be in session, and it is expected that several will pass the necessary resolutions preliminary to submitting the constitutional amendment to the people. Amendment of the Constitution is exceedingly difficult in some States, where it is required that an amendment must be adopted by two successive legislatures and thereafter approved by the people.

Three years ago it looked as if the British women were in the way of winning the suffrage victory well ahead of their American sisters. But the situation has been completely reversed. The British campaign seems to have sagged, as result of objection-

able methods, while the American program of inconsistent appeal to the thought and reason of the community has made steady headway.

A BLUNDER, NOT A REVOLUTION.

In the light of more and more complete figures on the election, it is very plain that the thing which happened on Tuesday was not a revolution. For the moment, indeed, it has the aspects of revolution. But two and four years hence it will look very different, provided that the blunders of the past year are not persistently repeated.

It is not yet possible to give detailed calculations of popular votes, relative strength, etc., but a few things are already plain:

The Democratic candidate for President won because of the division of the opposition.

No President has ever been elected who lacked so much of a majority in the popular vote.

It will probably be found that Governor Wilson actually received fewer votes than Mr. Bryan ever received, in either of his three fights.

These things demonstrate that opposition to Democracy is still in a decided majority in this country. The elements of opposition which until this year maintained a solidarity as the Republican party, are today in a very large majority over the Democratic strength; and that despite the fact that this year the Democrats had in their favor the strong probability that they would win, which always is attractive to a large "band wagon" vote.

Thus it is made perfectly clear that the blunder of Chicago was the thing that made Democratic victory possible. That Chicago performance was a crime against morality; in the cynical philosophy of politics and diplomacy, it was yet worse; it was a huge blunder. The election results demonstrate that a big majority of the old Republican party was progressive. The primaries proved that last spring. Gentlemen who set about deliberately to steal a Republican nomination from Roosevelt are not now in position to pretend indignation against him for "splitting the party." They, not he, split the party. They set up its machinery and organization as a wall of flint against the sentiments of its masses.

Tradition held in line a large proportion of those who clung to the hopeless Republican cause. Tradition will not do that again, because the cause is too hopeless. The Republican party as it now stands can neither win victories nor, if it should win them, can it serve the country as the country demands to be served.

There can be, and will be, only one outcome. The Progressive party has both the numbers and the principles which assure its power to solidify around its standard the national opposition to Democracy. The bosses who were powerful enough to drag the party down into defeat, cannot hold it down to its destruction. With a new name and guided by the principles for which the Progressive party stands, that great preponderance of American thought and votes which is opposed to the tenets of the Democratic party, will come back into power. The twice-repeated bosses cannot now prevent or seriously postpone the inevitable.

MARYLAND'S TRICK BALLOTS.

No State in the Union has been more cursed by dishonest ballots and cheating election supervisors than Maryland, and Governor Goldsborough's statement that he wants an election law passed which will preclude the possibility of trick ballots is equally remarkable for its plain horse sense and its significance.

Surely if the ballot serves any purpose at all, it is intended to allow the voter to express his free choice of candidates. To make that ballot partisan is self-evidently an offense against public and political morality. That such an attempt must be guarded against by stringent legislation; that the lawmakers must proceed on the assurance that if there is the slightest loophole left them, the men appointed to supervise the machinery of election are likely to make unfair use of their power for partisan purposes is indicative of the present unfortunate standard of Maryland politics.

If the common dictates of honesty are not sufficient to guarantee the voter his privilege of a free choice, then, by all means, let there be a new law that will secure it to him. But it is a shame that the same end cannot be secured by the appointment of election supervisors who will not cheat.

GOMPERS ON BERGER'S DEFEAT.

Samuel Gompers has expressed satisfaction over the defeat of Congressman Berger, the Milwaukee Socialist who was the lone representative of his rapidly growing party in Congress. He thinks the reverses of the Socialists in Milwaukee and some other places will help the cause of union labor.

Perhaps. But it is not apparent why anybody should rejoice over the loss of a single Congressman by a party that polls nearly a million votes. Mr. Berger has been on the whole a useful Congressman. He has made a good many people realize that the Socialists are not anarchists. He has demonstrated a sincere purpose of bettering the posture of the lower strata in the social and economic structure; and in the effort to do that he has lined up for most of those specific measures which have been put forth by other sincere people in the effort to benefit those most needing improvement of their condition.

The Bergrers and the Gomperses cannot afford to indulge the bitterness that has marked their relations. They are injuring themselves more than anybody else. Their cause is, in general, a common one. Acrimonies and violence will advantage their enemies, not themselves or the things that in general they both presume to favor.

PROTECTING GIRL.

He—What makes you think I wouldn't care if you got drowned?
She—You haven't made any attempt to keep me from falling overboard.

POOR WILLIE'S TROUBLE.

"What's the matter, Willie?"
"Got something in my eye."
"What is it?"
"How do I know? I can't see it!"

Owners of Automobiles Are Urged To Assist in Success of the Matinee

Cars Needed to Send Cripples and Orphans to Theater.

The Washington Times morning mail box these days has the most wonderful thing imaginable. Addressed to Miss Julia Murdock, who is conducting the arrangements for The Times' special matinee of "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," at the Columbia Theater, next Wednesday afternoon, for the orphan and crippled children of Washington, hundreds of letters are pouring in daily, each conveying some poignant message of sympathy, tender offer of assistance, or pathetic plea of some lonely little heart to be included in the glorious party.

Studies and tears chase one another through this huge assortment of messages, and, if it were only possible to print half the communications received, Miss Murdock would gladly do so just to show The Times readers that even in this sordid, commercial age the ingrained spirit of human kindness still lives to make this world a little better, a little sweeter.

Contributions Not Sought.

The bulk of the letters are offers of assistance of almost every sort, but while the professed aid is most kindly meant, many of the writers appear still to misunderstand the nature of the project The Times is arranging. Once more Miss Murdock wishes to call attention to the fact that no contributions of money are being sought. Everything is being done by Mrs. Klaw and Erlanger and Miss Edith Tallafero, the little star of the "Rebecca" company, and the proprietors of the Columbia Theater are to give an entire special performance for The Times. All that The Times asks for now is the aid of the enthusiastic citizens of the city who respond most kindly to the call, the list is not yet near complete, and Miss Murdock wants to hear from any more motor-car owners.

Pathetic Appeals Made.

Among the recent communications received are several pathetic little letters from some of the orphans and cripples who hope to be members of the big matinee party. Perhaps if you, Mr. and Mrs. Automobile Owner, would read the following samples of these heart stirring little scraps you will feel like getting on the telephone right away and arranging with Miss Murdock to place your car at her disposal for a couple of hours.

Here's a note from a little girl in one of the larger orphan institutions.

"We are all waiting for next Wednesday with many prayers. The superintendent tells us about it and said we girls could go if we are good. We all have been good. I read some of the letters in our library and love her very much. I have never been to a theater. Please don't forget to take us."

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Letters From Little Ones Show Interest They Are Taking.

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CHURCHES OF CITY TO HOLD REVIVALS DURING NEXT WEEK

Special Gospel Message Meetings Also on Busy Program.

With revivals in some of the churches and special gospel message meetings in others, the week beginning tomorrow promises to be a lively one in Washington religious circles. In addition a number of the pastors begin series of sermons and lectures.

The Rev. Peter Ainslie, the Christian evangelist of Baltimore, will continue the revival meetings that have been held this week at Bethany Baptist Church. Such large crowds have heard him that it has been decided to continue the meetings a week.

A week of special gospel meetings will begin at Fifth Baptist Church tomorrow night with a special sermon by the pastor. During the week the following well-known preachers will speak: on Monday night, the Rev. Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, of Tuesday night, the Rev. George A. Miller, of Wednesday night, the Rev. Dr. John R. Sloan, of Baltimore, Thursday night, and the Rev. Herman S. Pinkham, Friday night.

At Second Baptist.

A similar program of services will be carried out at the Second Baptist Church, where each night during the week the Rev. Dr. E. M. Stephenson, of Philadelphia, will speak. During the week all departments of the church will be held to hear Dr. Stephenson.

The evangelistic services that have been held this week at the Harding Methodist Church will continue. The pastor preaches both sermons tomorrow, but on Monday and Wednesday nights the Rev. John W. L. Schaefer, superintendent of the Washington District of the Baltimore Conference, will preach. On Thursday and Friday nights, the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Mead, of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore, will conduct the services.

The semi-annual meeting of the Eastern conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland will be held in Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany, Sixteenth and U streets northwest, Monday, from 10 a. m. until 7:30 p. m. Some of the speakers will be the Rev. Henry Matthews, Pres. of the Rev. P. A. Helman, D. D., of the Rev. Richard Schmidt, the Rev. F. W. Meyer, the Rev. W. E. Brown, the Rev. Henry Wastall, the Rev. Dr. J. H. Schaefer, the Rev. John C. Bowers, and the Rev. Foster U. Gift.

Sunday Evening Lectures.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Woodrow, pastor of the First Congregational Church, begins a series of six Sunday evening lectures in Baltimore, Maryland, on the subject of "The New Testament or, A Wise Prophet and a Weak King." His theme for tomorrow night will be "The Prophet: Birth and Training." The other subjects are November 17, "The Prophet: Wisdom and Work," November 24, "The Prophet: Anointing the King," December 1, "The King: Victor and Vanquished," December 8, "The King: Reproached and Rejected," and December 15, "The King: The Death of the Prophet and King."

The Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, begins tomorrow night a course of Sunday evening lectures under the general title, "The Last Things." His subject tomorrow night is "The Last Book." On Sunday nights following he speaks on "The Last Word," "The Last Chance," "The Last Day," "The Last Prison House," and "The Last City."

Wednesday will be "Washington Day" in the "World in Baltimore" missionary exhibition in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Washington pastors and church workers will go over on a special train leaving the Union Station at 9:30 o'clock.

"God's Power in the World," the Rev. L. Morgan Chambers, McKendree Methodist Episcopal Church, 11 o'clock.

"The Power of the Word of God," the Rev. George F. Dudley, St. Stephens' Protestant Episcopal Church, 11 o'clock.

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